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REMARKS

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The Office Action of September 5, 2002, issued an election between three allegedly distinct species of the claimed invention, namely Group I - FIGURES 1-7; Group II -FIGURES 8-10, and Group III - FIGURE 14. Applicants elect to prosecute the species designated as Group I - FIGURES 1-7 without traverse and without prejudice to the filing of any continuing applications upon the non-elected species. Claims 1-58 read upon the elected species designated as Group I - FIGURES 1-7. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the above election. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with questions regarding this matter.

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